

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Method of Preparing Polymer)
Particles Having Narrow Particle)
Size Distribution)

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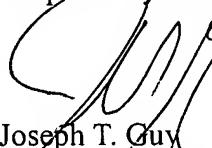
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments are submitted at filing. Please amend the claims in accordance with the directions in Appendix A prior to calculating the filing fee. Unmarked claims as amended are provided in Appendix B.

Respectfully submitted,


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